



# OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT

“Avoid the distractions of debates on political correctness and focus on the soldiers’ mission, one that remains fixed, determined, inviolable. It is to win our wars.”

General Douglas  
MacArthur April, 1962

“We’re out of the do more with less business. We can do less with less or we can do more with more, but we will no longer do more with less.”

Admiral Jay

Johnson  
College

Naval War  
June,

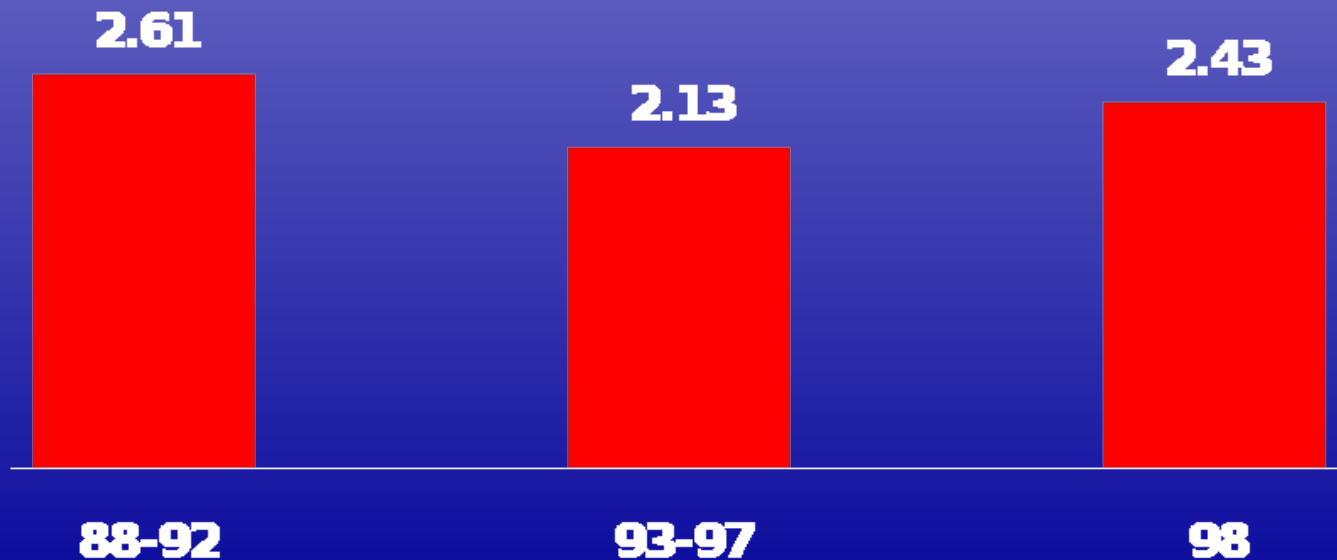
1997

# Naval Aviation Mishap Rate



# Navy & Marine Corps Class A Flight Mishaps

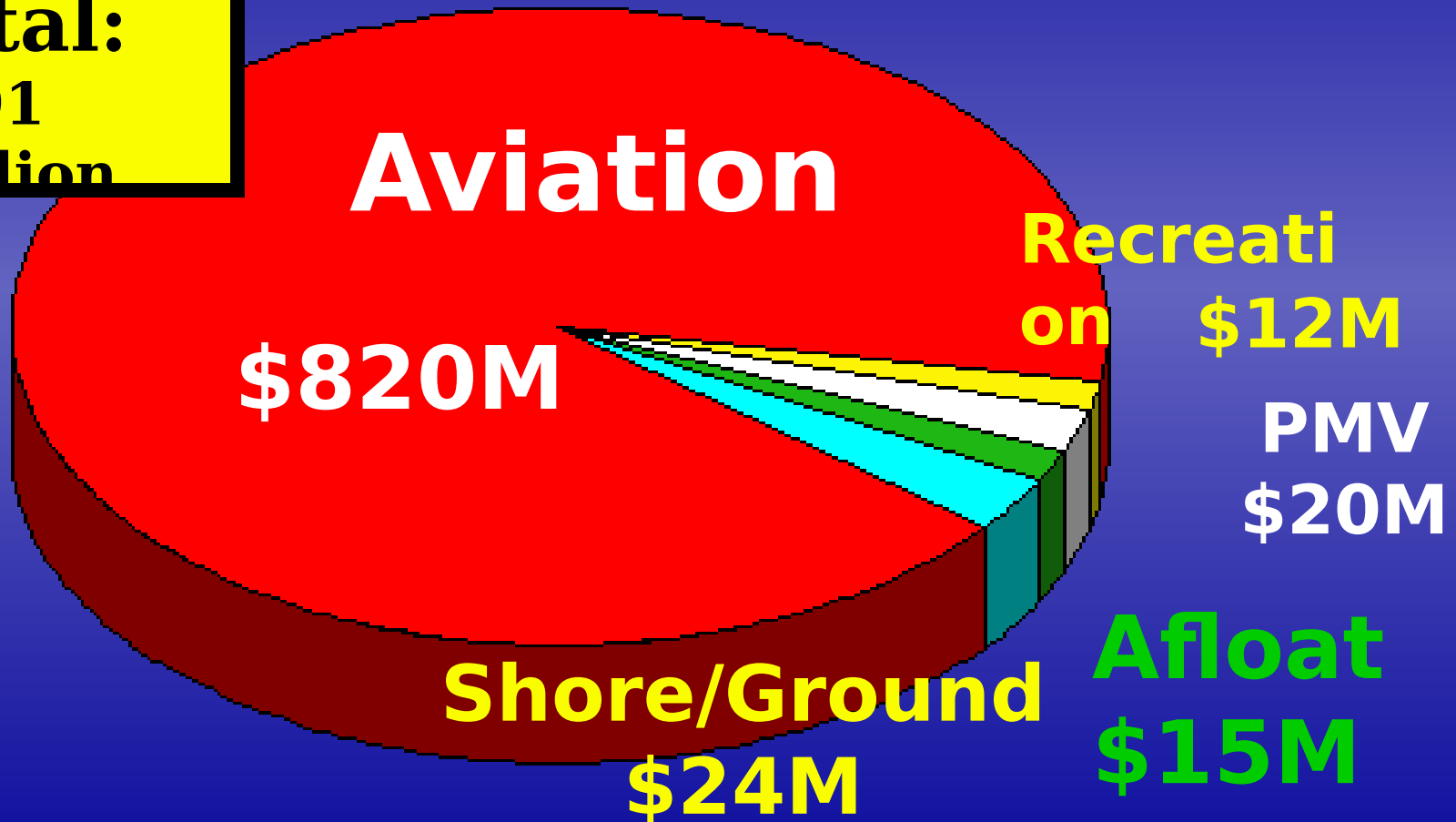
**5 year trends indicate a  
plateau - but FY 98 rate  
highest since FY 93**



# Cost of Mishaps

Navy and Marine Corps,  
FY98

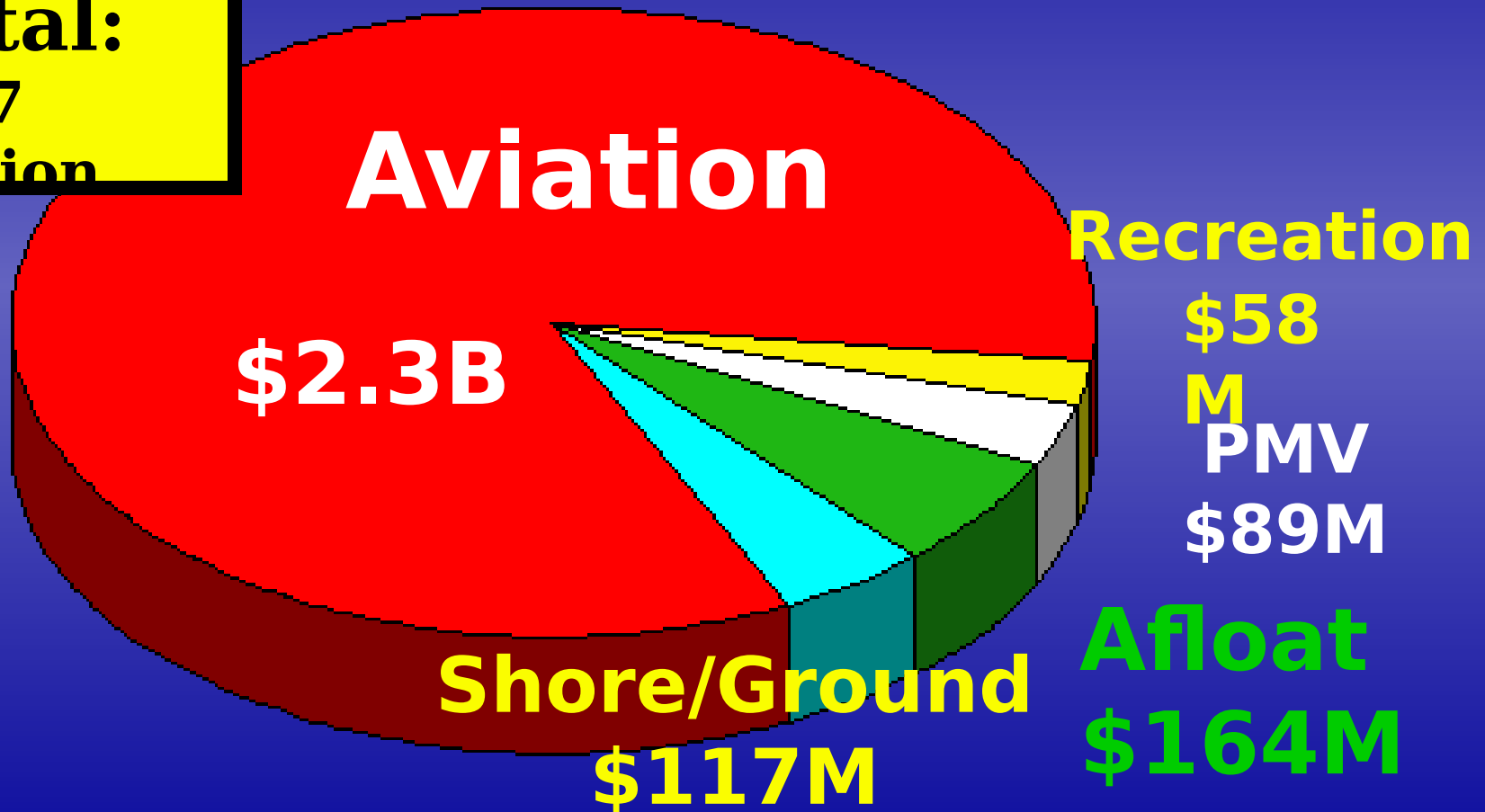
**Total:**  
**\$891**  
**Million**



# Cost of Mishaps

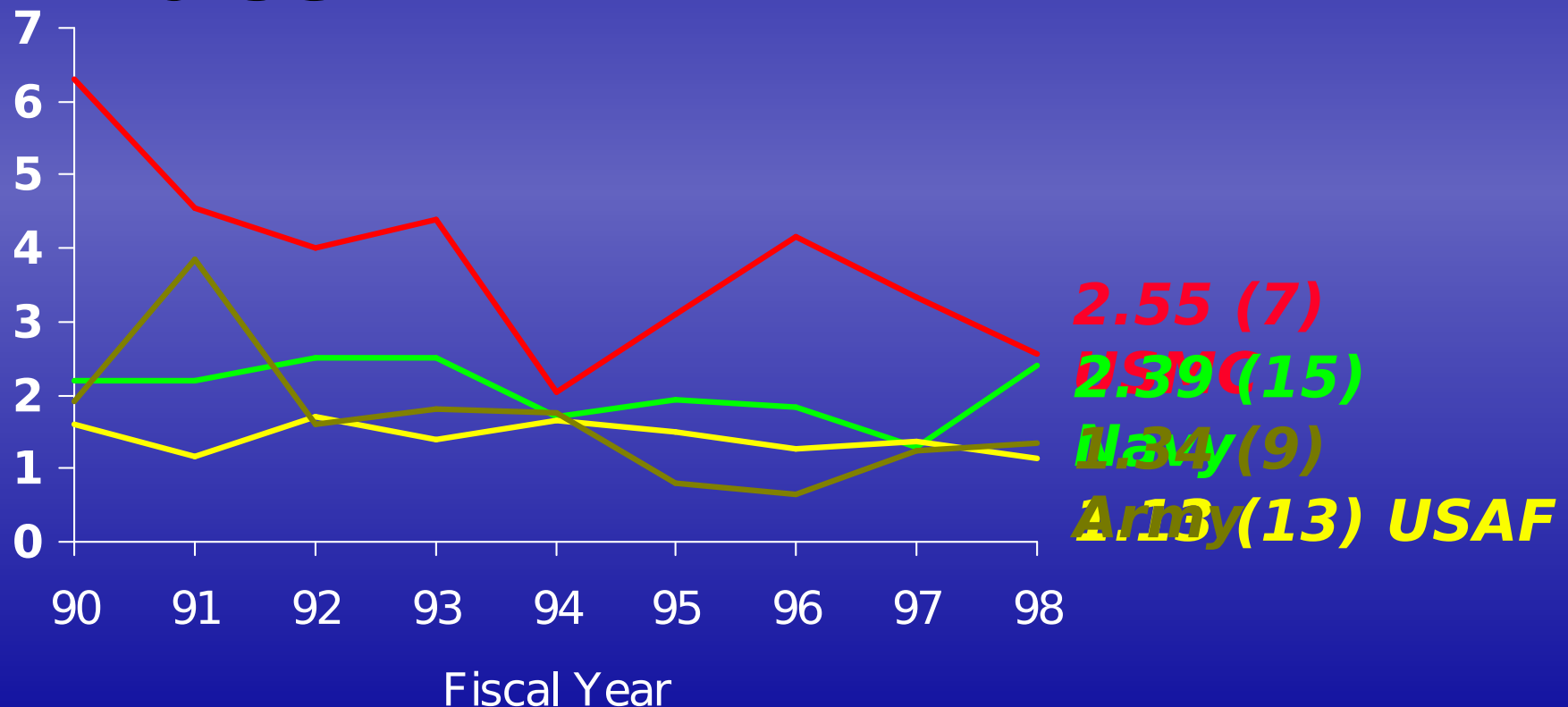
Navy, FY94-98

**Total:**  
**\$2.7**  
**Billion**



# All Services, Class A Flight Mishap Rates

## Marines have highest rate



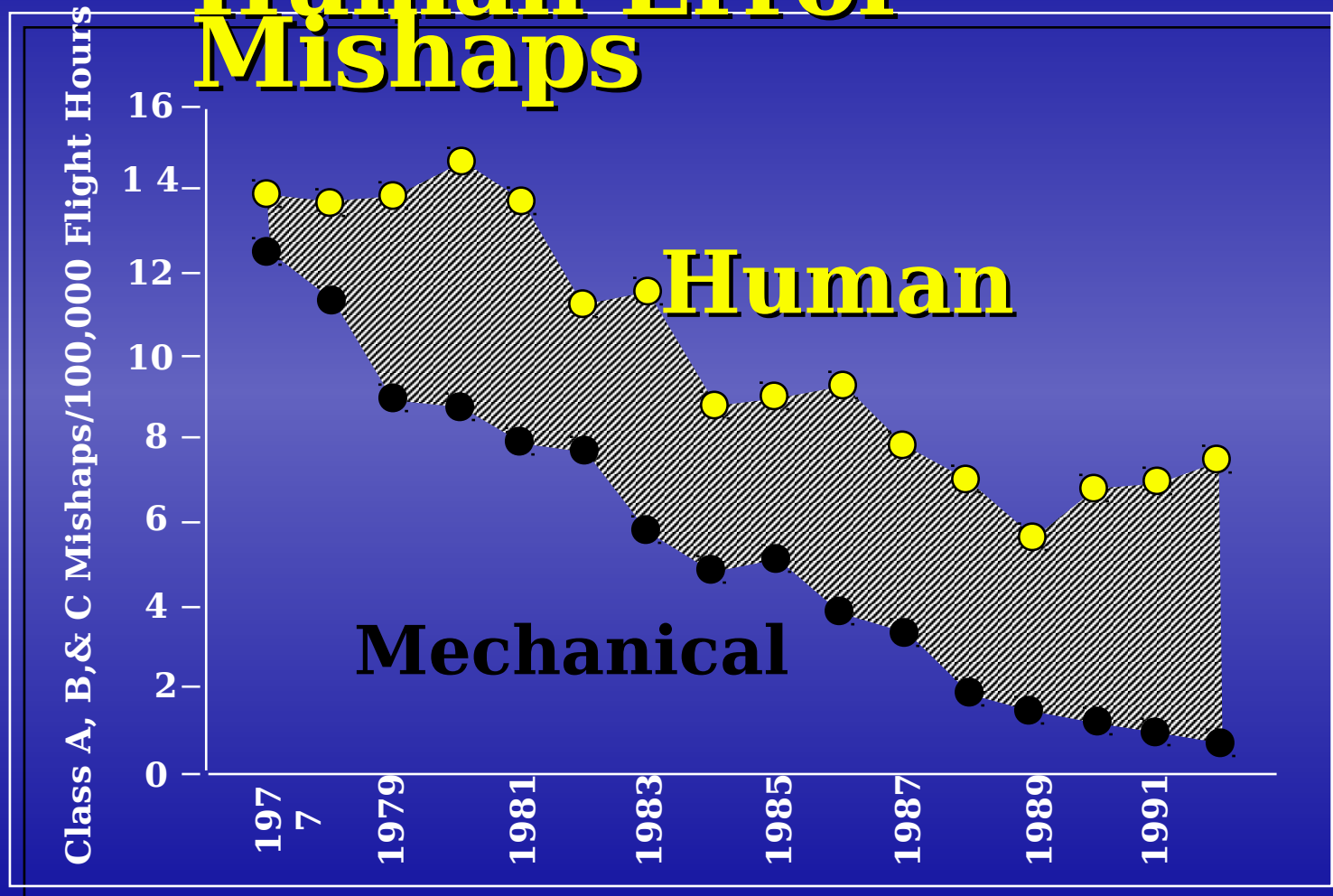


# Human Error A Major Problem

**4 of every 5 Navy Service  
Class A flight  
mishaps involve human  
error**



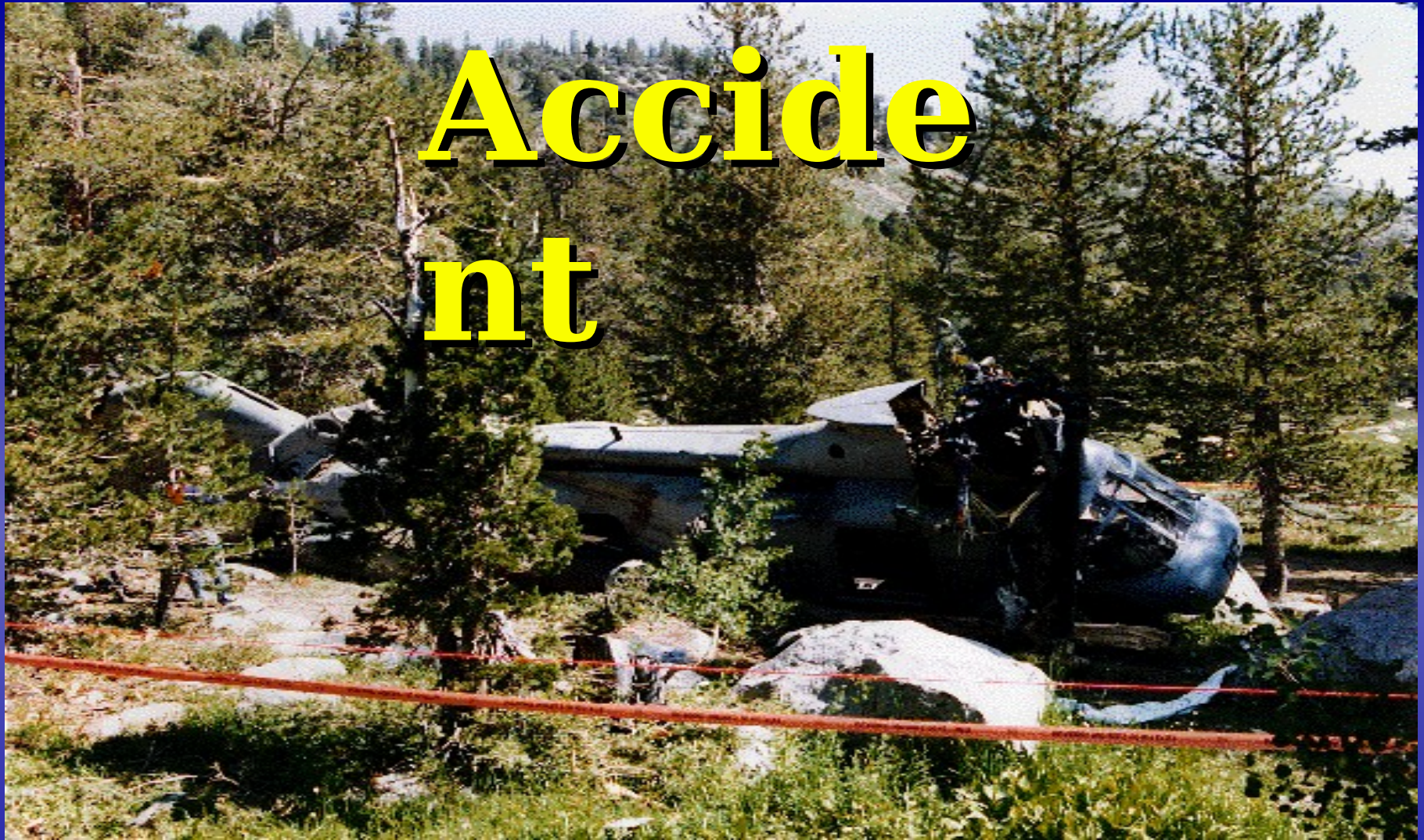
# No Steady Decrease in Human Error Mishaps



All Navy-Marine Corps Mishaps, CY 1977-92



# Accident



*The unplanned result of a behavior that is likely part of an organization's culture*

# Organizational Culture

*“The way we do things here”*

- Fundamental building blocks
- Group values and standards
- Medium for growth
- Shaped by leadership

Drives key decisions



# **Desired Cultural Attitudes**

- **Accountability**
- **Integrity**
- **Focus on standards**
- **Continuous and open communication**
- **Intolerance for non-compliance**
- **Consistent decisions**



**ORM**

**Process ...**

**NOT Program**



# **Operational Risk Management**

- > A Decision Making Tool**
- > Increases Ability to Make**

**Informed Decisions**

- > Reduces Risks to  
Acceptable Levels**

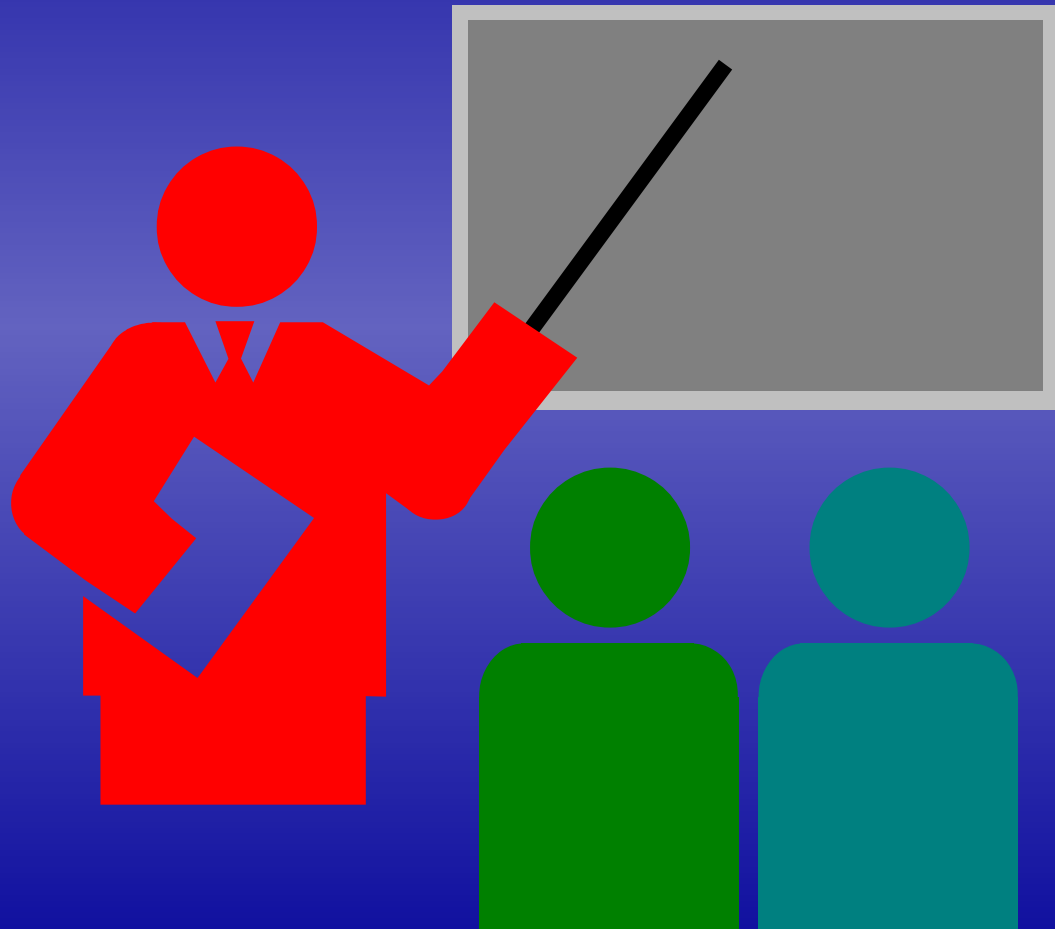
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## Goal:

To optimize operational capability and readiness by managing risk to accomplish the mission with minimal loss.

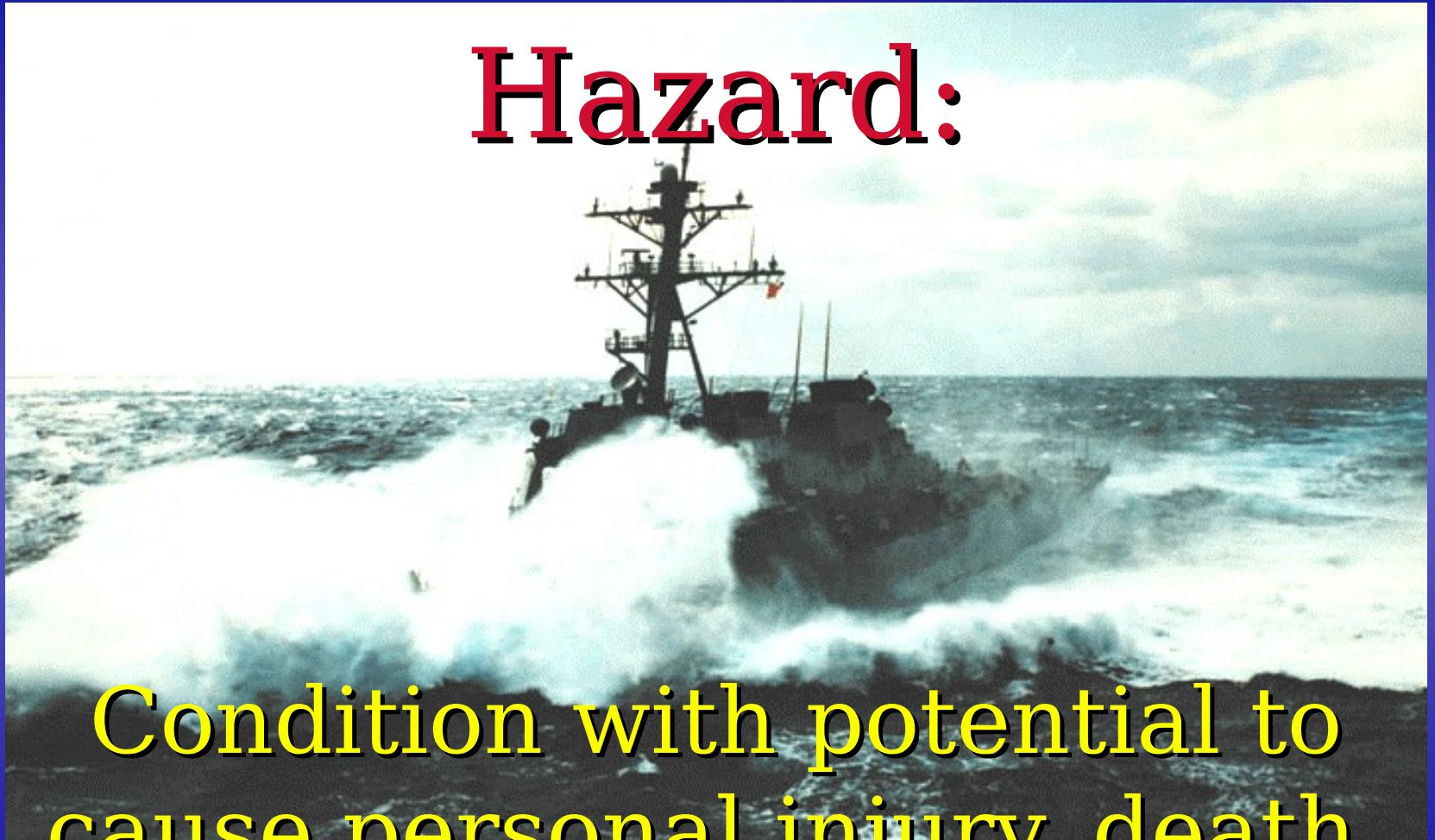


# ORM Terms



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## Hazard:

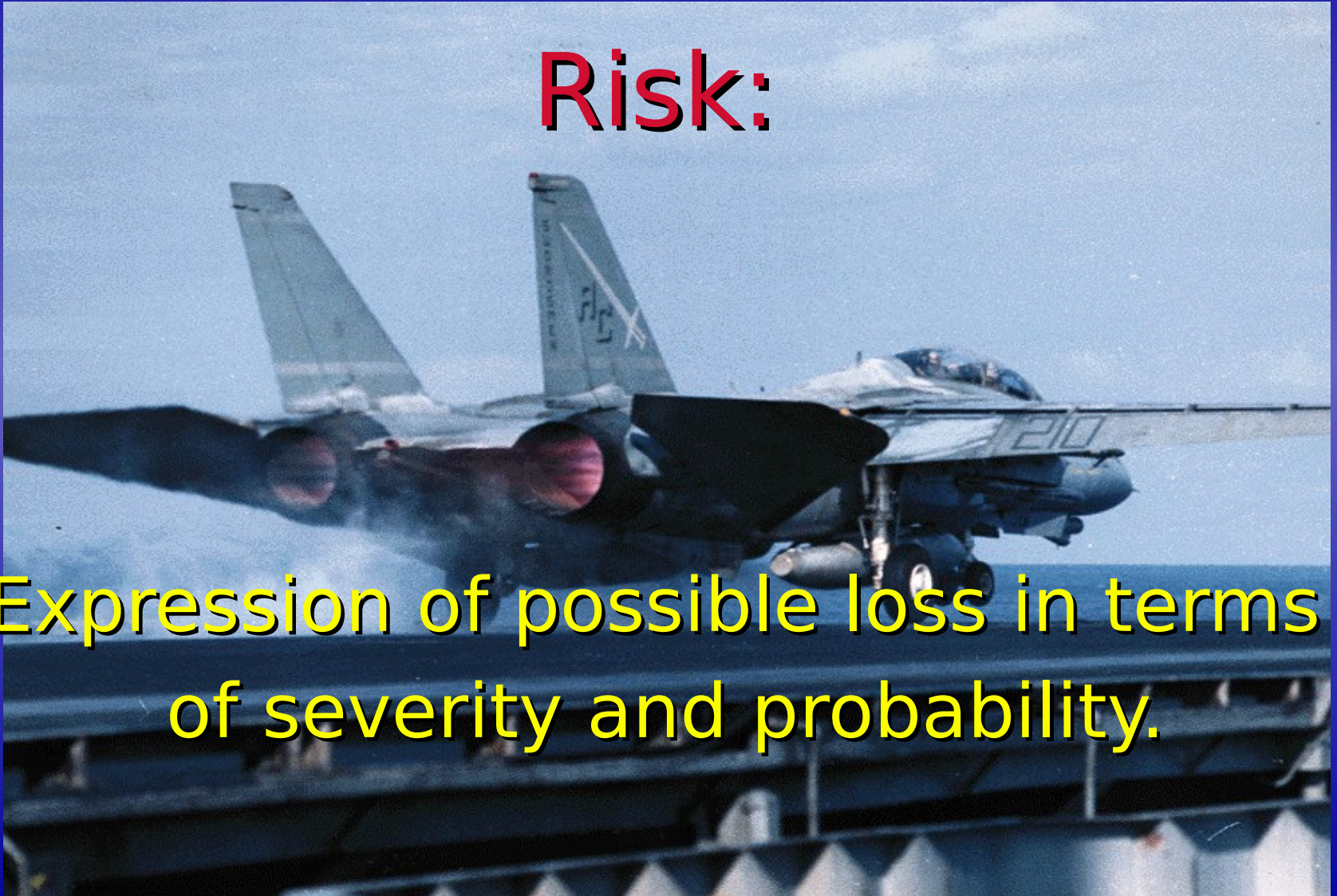


Condition with potential to cause personal injury, death, property damage, or mission degradation

# ORM Terms

**Risk:**

Expression of possible loss in terms of severity and probability.



# ORM Terms

## Severity:

The worst  
consequence which can occur  
as a result of a hazard.

# ORM Terms

## Probability:

likelihood that a hazard will result in mishap or loss.



# Hazard

Bad Weather

Flock of Birds

Walking on top  
of Slippery AC

# Risk

High Probability  
Flight Ops Cnx

Moderate Chance  
of Engine FOD

Some Chance of  
Fall Producing  
Severe Injury

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## Risk Assessment:

The process of detecting hazards and assessing associated risks.

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## Control:

A method for reducing risk for an identified hazard by lowering the probability of occurrence or decreasing potential severity or both.

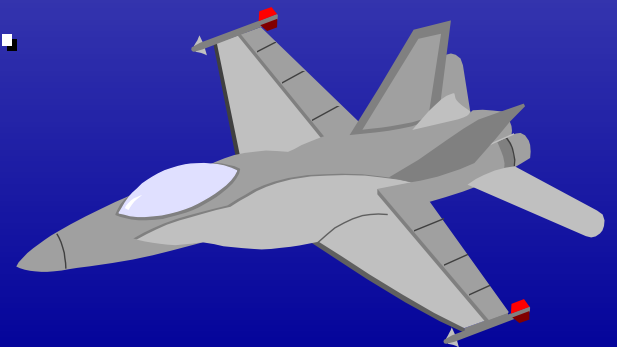




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## Operational Risk Management

The process of dealing with risk associated with military operations, which includes risk assessment, risk decision making, and implementation of effective risk controls.



# **Operational Risk Management Process**

1. Identify Hazards
2. Assess Hazards
3. Make Risk Decisions
4. Implement Controls
5. Supervise

# Causes of Risk

- \* Change - The “Mother” of Risk
  - \* Resource Constraints
  - \* New Technology
- \* Complexity
- \* Stress

# **Risk**

**(Cont.)**

- \* Human Nature
- \* High Energy Levels
- \* Societal Constraints
- \* Environmental Influences
- \* Speed/Tempo of Operation

# Four ORM Principles

1. Accept risk when benefits outweigh the cost.
2. Accept no unnecessary risk.
3. Anticipate and manage risk by planning.
4. Make risk decisions at the right level.

# ORM vs. Traditional Approach

Systematic

Random, Individual-D

Proactive

Reactive

Integrates All Types  
of Risk Into Plan

Safety As After-thought Once  
Plan is Done

Common  
Process/Terms

Non-standard

Conscious Decision  
Based on Risk vs. Benefit

“Can Do” Regardless of Risk

# **The Benefits of ORN**

- > Reduction in Mishaps**

- > Improved  
Mission Effectiveness**

# **Operational Risk Management**

## **Levels of Application**

- 1. Time-critical - On the run consideration of the 5 Steps**
- 2. Deliberate - Application of the complete 5-Step Process**
- 3. In-depth - Complete 5-Step Process with Detailed Analysis**



# ORM Implementation Concept

- Naval Aviation Leads The Way!
- Leverage the Army's Investment in ORM
- PHASE I: JUMP START for Operational Units
- PHASE II: CNATRA/FRS/FWS Pipeline Training
- PHASE III: CNET/CONTRACTOR Pipeline Training

# ORM - Implementation Plan

- PHASE I: Jump Start for Operations
  - Naval Safety Center “Train the Trainer” Course
  - Senior Leader Training
  - Squadron Workshop Training

**COMPLETE**

# ORM - Implementation Plan

- PHASE II: Long Term CNATRA - FRS - Pipeline Training
  - VT/HT Flight Instructor (user/adv)
  - Student API (indoc) and VT/HT user)
  - FRS (user)
  - FWS/Type Wing/MAW/MAG (adv)
  - CO/XO ASC course leader)

**COMPLETED**

# Why do we need ORM

- USN & All other services decreasing in size
- Number of missions increasing
- Can not afford to sustain the losses we historically suffer during training

# ORM IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

**DOCTRINE: Naval doctrinal Pub 1,3 &  
5 FMFM - 1**

**POLICY: OPNAVINST 3500.39**

**TRAINING:**

- Naval Safety Center
- Naval Post Graduate School

# ORM: WHERE ARE THE TRAINERS?

- CNAP: 31
- CNAL: 30
- CNARF: 17
- CNATRA: 44
- NAVAIR: 6
  - CNTWL, NWTSPM, NWTSCS, VX-1, VX-9

**Some trainers have already  
PCSeD**

# Your **Next** Mishap . . . Who, Not



- ★ Self-discipline
- ★ Leadership
- ★ Training
- ★ Standards
- ★ Support

“Life is tough, but it’s  
tougher if you’re  
stupid”

Sergeant John M.  
Stryker, USMC, in  
“The Sands of  
Iwo Jima”

